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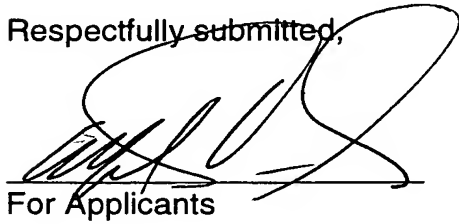
European Patent Application EP 0 688 113 A2 (Ueno et al.), dated December 20, 1995;

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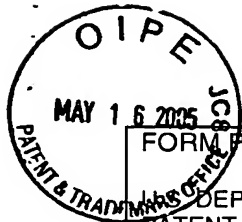
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